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1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS THE RESULTS OF A  
RECENT AIR STRIKE AGAINST DIEN BIEN PHU AIRFIELD.

2. LOCATION:

DIEN BIEN PHU AIRFIELD IS LOCATED 0.5 NM NORTH OF  
DIEN BIEN PHU, JUST WEST OF THE NAM YOUN (RIVER).

3. DIMENSIONS/FACILITIES (PRE-STRIKE):

THE AIRFIELD HAD ONE SERVICEABLE 4000 X 90 FT,  
NNW/SSE, ASPHALT AND LATERITE RUNWAY. FACILITIES  
INCLUDED A WEATHER STATION, THREE BARRACKS, ONE ADMIN-  
ISTRATION BUILDING, TWO STORAGE BUILDINGS, AND THREE  
SUPPORT BUILDINGS.

4. STRIKE DATA:

DIEN BIEN PHU AIRFIELD WAS FIRST ATTACKED ON 02  
JULY 1965 AND BOMBED SEVERAL TIMES DURING THE BALANCE  
OF THE YEAR. CUMULATIVE DAMAGE AS OF [ ] CON-  
SISTED OF AT LEAST TWENTY-FIVE BOMB CRATERS ON THE RUN-  
WAY. PHOTOGRAPHY OF [ ] REVEALED

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RECONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY AT THE AIRFIELD, NOT PRESENT  
ON [ ] PHOTOGRAPHY. FRESH GROUND SCARRING  
INDICATED THAT THE SOUTHERN END OF THE RUNWAY HAD BEEN  
EXTENDED 600 FT, AND AGGREGATE HAD BEEN SPREAD ON A 300  
X 90 FT AREA OF THE RUNWAY BEGINNING 1400 FT FROM THE  
SSE END. AT THIS TIME A TOTAL EFFECTIVE LANDING AREA OF  
2100 X 90 FT WAS AVAILABLE AT THE SOUTHERN END OF THE  
FIELD.

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STRIKE DATA REPORTS THAT DIEN BIEN PHU AIRFIELD  
HAS BEEN STRUCK TWICE SINCE THIS TIME -- ONCE ON 06  
FEBRUARY 1966 WHEN THE TARGET AREA WAS ALSO SEEDED WITH  
DELAYED-ACTION BOMBS -- SET TO GO OFF AFTER EIGHT TO  
THIRTY-SIX HOURS; AND AGAIN ON 11/12 FEBRUARY WHEN  
TWELVE USAF AIRCRAFT EXPENDED SIXTY 750-POUND BOMBS ON  
THE RUNWAY AND SUPPORT AREAS.

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6. MISSION READOUTS:

[REDACTED] REVEALS THAT  
APPROXIMATELY 3000 X 90 FT OF THE RUNWAY IS SERVICEABLE  
DUE TO RECENT RECONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] REVEALS THAT THE  
06 FEBRUARY STRIKE AGAINST THE AIRFIELD RESULTED IN  
LITTLE ADDITIONAL DAMAGE TO THE FIELD. SEVERAL NEW  
BOMB CRATERS ARE OBSERVED ON AND AROUND THE RUNWAY.

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] REVEALS THAT THE  
STRIKE OF 11/12 FEBRUARY HAS RESULTED IN APPROXIMATELY  
FORTY NEW CRATERS IN AND AROUND THE AIRFIELD, RENDERING  
IT UNSERVICEABLE. THE MAJORITY OF THE DAMAGE IS  
CONFINED TO THE SOUTHEAST PORTION OF THE RUNWAY WHICH  
HAS BEEN UNDER RECENT RECONSTRUCTION. [REDACTED]

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NO AIRCRAFT ARE OBSERVED ON THE ABOVE MISSIONS.

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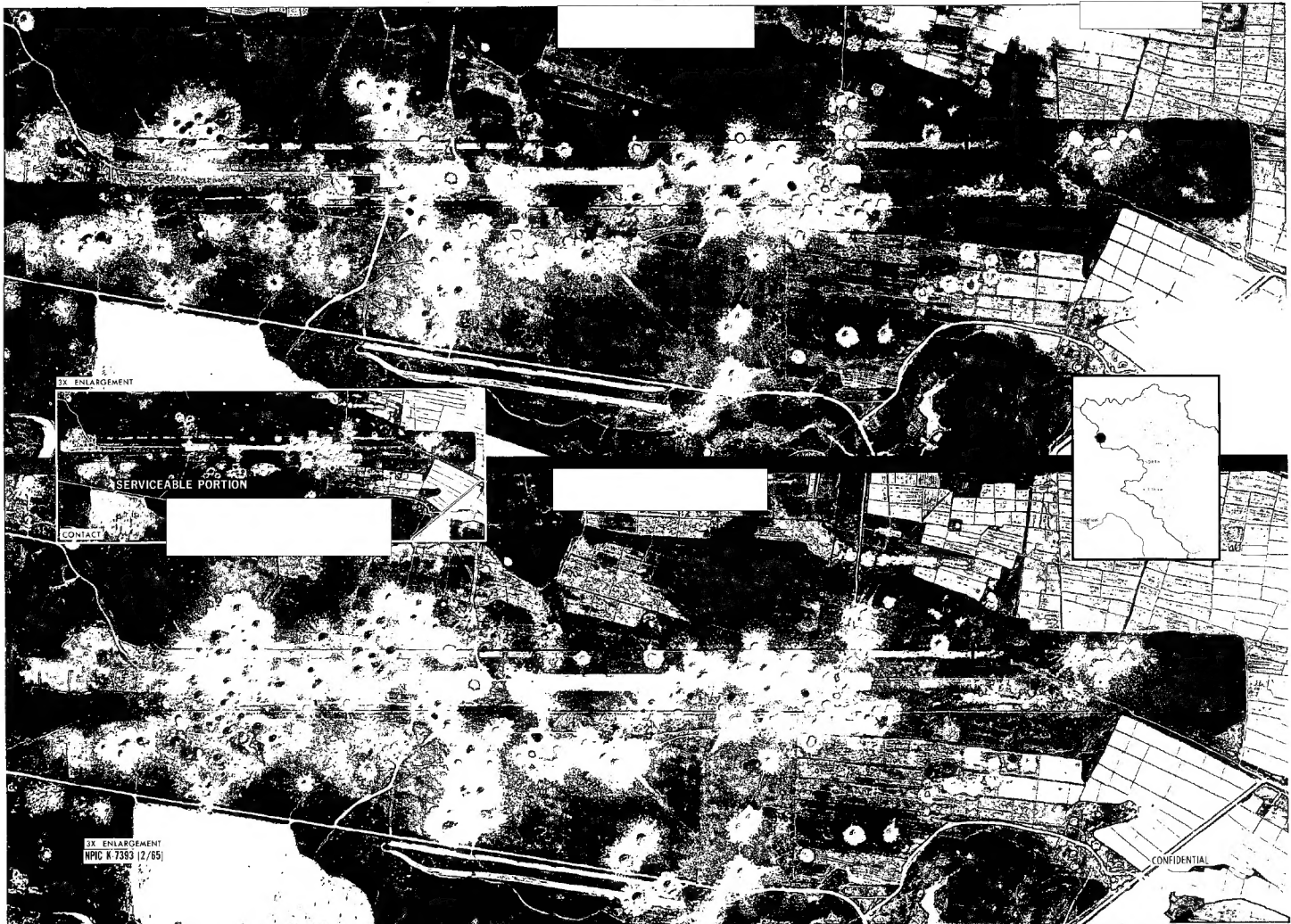
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